

June 2

Dear Dicki-

Hi darling - we are home from our trip to Pecos. It was so nice & we are so glad we went. I think we would always have regretted it if we had not gone. Brigadier General & Mrs. Hurst were such wonderful people & so good to us. He had a letter from her today, telling us how much it meant to ~~for~~ them for us to be there & sending us a clipping from the paper there!

There were four memorial swords presented. One was a girl from Los Angeles who lost her husband in May after Jack was killed. There was also a girl from Quantico, Va. there that had lost her husband 18 months ago. Out of the four, there were three represented. It made me so lonesome for you honey.

The swords were presented after the parade. We went to the commencement at 9 o'clock this morning & Mr. Hurst showed

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us the book in the Chapel  
with Jacks named inscribed.  
It was beautiful. It was beautiful  
writing. They send the book they  
have it done so they will all be  
alike. Bud took a picture but  
we did not have any flash  
bulbs so do not know if it  
will turn out or not. If it does  
we will send you one.

He left Washington right after  
the graduation Fri. morning &  
stopped in Houston & stayed all  
night & left there at 4:55  
Sat. afternoon to come home.

He went to a pro basketball  
game at the Astrodome Fri.  
night. Bud really enjoyed  
that. It was the N.B.A. & A.B.A.  
He landed at Denver & was  
just supposed to be there  
long enough to unload passengers  
& take more on but there was a  
43 in. wind & the planes could  
only land & take off on one air strip  
so we were there a good hour.  
As you can guess I did not care  
much for that, so Tracy & Lauren  
took us to Portland Wed. morning  
when we left home. He had to be there at



6 o'clock in the morning. Anyway  
it was just pouring rain & right  
after we left Portland a streak of  
lightning hit the plane & it just  
boomed & the lights went off  
on. Everyone was petrified. The  
pilot said it made a few pin  
holes in the wing but did not  
hurt anything. I was about ready  
to change my mind. <sup>la</sup>

Phys. morning in Washington  
we had free so we rented a car  
& drove to Manatoba Mexico  
which was just 25 miles away.  
That was kind of fun but I  
did buy a thing. Over,

What have you been doing honey?  
He went gaeing Mon. & I did  
just terrible. I am doing  
worse all the time. I guess  
I am just getting old. ha  
Ohll sweetie I must close,  
Please write, O.K.?

Love you always  
Bud & Caroline

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# Marine Academy Ceremonies Started

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Commencement exercises of the Marine Military Academy at Harlingen began Thursday. 14 cadets were presented achievement awards in a formal parade on the academy campus. Maj. Gen. G. S. Bowman Jr., commanding general, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Cal., was the reviewing officer.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Frank Sanders was scheduled to attend the parade and a reception Thursday, but was unable to come to Harlingen because of other illness in his family. Cadets who were honored and the awards they were presented

are Staff Sgt. Wendell F. Johnson, Daughters of American Colonist Award; 2nd Lt. Courtney D. Chinn, Daughters of American Revolution Award; Capt. Larry P. Neblett, Sons of American Revolution Senior Award; Staff Sgt. Robert H. Bauman, Sons of American Revolution Junior Award; Gunnery Sgt. Stephen W. Monical, Veterans of Foreign Wars Senior Award (gold medal); Sgt. Eddie R. Percy, VFW Junior Award (silver medal); Sgt. Martin F. Johnson, VFW sophomore award (bronze medal); 1st Lt. Randolph R. Bridgeman, American Legion Bronze Medal for Scholastic Excellence; 2nd Lt. William R. Wharton, American Legion Bronze Medal for Military Excellence.

S. Imlah, USMC memorial sword, given by Maj. and Mrs. Myron Harrington and presented by Mr. and Mrs. John S. Imlah, parents of Lt. Imlah; The General Victor A. Barraco Memorial Sword, presented by Col. H. W. Hardy, USMCR; Maj. Jimmy D. Sells Memorial Sword, given by Lt. Gen. and Mrs. V. H. Krulak in memory of Maj. Sells and presented by Brig. Gen. Hunter Hurst.

Sgt. Gavin P. McClelland, Commandant of Cadets Marine Military Academy Award; Private First Class William H. B. Buchanan, General Vernon E. Megee Rifle Team Championship Award; Privates First Class William H. B. Buchanan and Christian Sung, National Rifle Association Expert Awards; Maj. Dannie A. Miller, Capt. Larry P. Neblett and 2nd Lt. P. L. Hirt, Civil Air Patrol Wings.

Capt. W. A. Griffis III, USMC Memorial Sword, given by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Griffis Jr., in memory of their son and presented by Mrs. Sally Griffis, widow of Capt. Griffis; Griffis Memorial Award, given by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Griffis Jr., in memory of their son.

The Superintendent of the Marine Military Academy Award was presented to Cadet Capt. Pierre J. Ortiz by Gen. Hurst.

Following the parade, cadets, their parents and guests attended a reception.

The following memorial swords were presented to the corps of cadets; 1st Lt. Jack

The academy commencement exercises will be held today at 9 a.m., in the academy chapel.



**AWARDS PRESENTATION**—Marine Military Academy Cadet Staff Sgt. Robert Bauman is presented the Sons of American Revolution Award by Maj. Gen. G. S. Bowman Jr., commanding general, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pen-

dleton, Cal. A total of 14 cadets were presented awards during a formal parade on the academy parade ground Thursday. Commencement exercises will be held today at 9 a.m., in the academy chapel. (Star Photo)